

MARIANEWS

Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

December 2015

Marian Celebrates Christmas

Christmas Concert By Seth Harkins

On Wednesday December 16th, Marian held its annual Christmas Concert for anyone who would like to attend. The concert started off with the band. They played three songs, starting with a piece composed by Barry Kopetz titled “Around the World at Christmas Time.” This piece highlighted traditional carols from all around the world. Next they moved on to Timothy Broege’s “The Child and The Kings.” The final song was called “Santa Claus Comes to Dixieland.” This song featured the five senior members of the band.

The seniors are as follows:

Barry Fulton- Trumpet
Seth Harkins- Tuba
Jack Hurst- Trombone
Kyle Karlavage- Baritone
Kaitlin Kowker- Percussion
Melissa Ramirez- Trumpet

After the band was finished, there were two groups of musicians that performed. First, was Gabriella Smith, who played an amazing rendition of Trans-Siberian Orchestra’s “Christmas Eve Sarajevo 12/24.”

Next, a group of seniors performed two songs. The first was Irving Berlin’s “White Christmas.” The Second was “Happy X-mas , War is Over” written by John Lennon. The group of students were mostly seniors, except for one:

Vocals- Seth Harkins, Molly Carnish, Rose Reid
Guitars- Rose Reid, Seth Harkins
Bass Guitar- Jack Hurst
Piano- Gabriella Smith, Benjamin Ferko
Drums- Kaitlin Kowker

After a brief intermission, the concert continued with the chorus. They performed a cantata, with readings in-between the songs. Also there were many students who accompanied the chorus on the piano- Katie Blozusky, Benjamin Ferko, Colleen Gallagher, and Gabriella Smith. After the cantata was finished, the alumni in the audience were invited to come up and sing “Cantique de Noel.”



Upcoming events -

Jan 4 – Classes resume
Jan 14 – 15 – In-class exams
Jan 18 – Teacher In-service
Jan 19- 21 – exams - Early dismissal

Jan 27 – 3rd quarter begins
Jan 31 – Begin Catholic Schools Week
Jan 31 - Open House

Newspapers should proofread!

Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant



Christmas, a Season of Giving

by Emma McClafferty



Could you imagine waking up Christmas morning and not seeing a single present? Thousands of children experience that unpleasant feeling every year in Pennsylvania alone. Our annual Giving Tree helped us lessen and prevent that. To help out, students and faculty took tags off the tree. Each tag had a gift request from a child whose parents couldn't afford one in our community. Once the tag was chosen, the person purchased the gift and brought it back to the tree wrapped and ready for the holiday. Thank you to all who participated and helped make these children's Christmas a lot merrier.

Tamaqua Public Library
Christmas Book Sale

Starting on November 30, 2015

Looking for the perfect gift for that hard-to-buy-for" person on your list, or to indulge your own desire?

Our large inventory of like-new and gently used books consists of:

- * Fiction and Non-fiction, 2015 releases
- * Vintage books with original dust jackets
- * Children's chapter and picture books & much more!



Begins Dec. 21 through end of year



Christmas Special !!!

Finish shopping for everyone on your list, build your personal library !

All book sale items 10 cents !

Colts Win District Crown

By Gunnar Rehrig

On a crisp cool night at Tri-Valley High School Marian came up with an impressive win over Tri-Valley. With a 33-0 win over the Bulldogs the colts advance to the state playoffs for the first time since 2007. They were also looking for their first state playoff win since 2000.

Defense was a big part of this special night. Josh Skotek had a strip and took it 97 yards for a score making it 19-0 in the first. Kj Snerr had an interception and had 10 tackles. Skotek, along with that big play had 6 before going out of the game due to a neck injury. Kyle Plesh also had a big night with 10 tackles as well. Although the defense is what stood out, the offense looked good as well.

Marian's first score was a 6 yard run from Snerr that was set up by a huge one handed grab from senior standout Hunter Nause. The second score was another Snerr run set up by his own interception. The third touchdown was Skotek's great defensive play. The fourth was a 70 yard scamper by Snerr. And finally QB Ethan Kuczynisky hit Kj for a 10 yard touchdown pass.

After losing the year before in the championship, the Colts finally won their gold, and what a way to add on to Coach's historical season. His 300th win and another district championship. He really knows how to break down film and prepare his teams for that week's opponent.

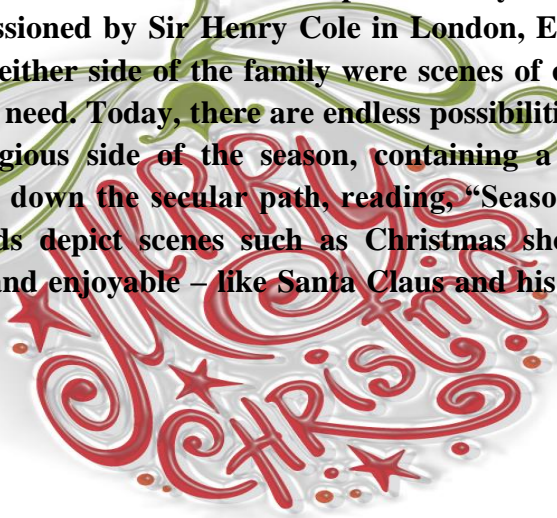
Marian then played against Bishop McDevitt on November 27th at Germantown Super Center. Although it was a loss for Marian, it was a winning season for all involved and that is what we need to remember and celebrate.



Christmas Cards!

By: Joseph Maguschak

The sending of Christmas cards is a tradition practiced by those in Western society and Asia. The first cards were commissioned by Sir Henry Cole in London, England. His card pictured three generations of a family. On either side of the family were scenes of charitable acts like the giving of clothing and food to those in need. Today, there are endless possibilities as to what each card can say; some lean towards the religious side of the season, containing a poem, prayer, or Bible verse. However, some choose to go down the secular path, reading, "Season's Greetings!" or something of the like. These secular cards depict scenes such as Christmas shoppers in the 19th Century, or something more humorous and enjoyable – like Santa Claus and his elves' antics. Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!



By Preton Biros



To be continued....

Marian Music Box

I'm dreaming of a White Christmas..... – but
it's suppose to be hot this year
Let it Snow..... I need a day off!
O Little Town of Tamaqua, where our dear
school resides
All I want for Christmas..... my acceptance letter

Joy to the World..... Christmas break is here.
Feliz Navidad..... exclaim all the Spanish
students
I'll have a Blue Christmas ... if there's homework

Comedy Christmas

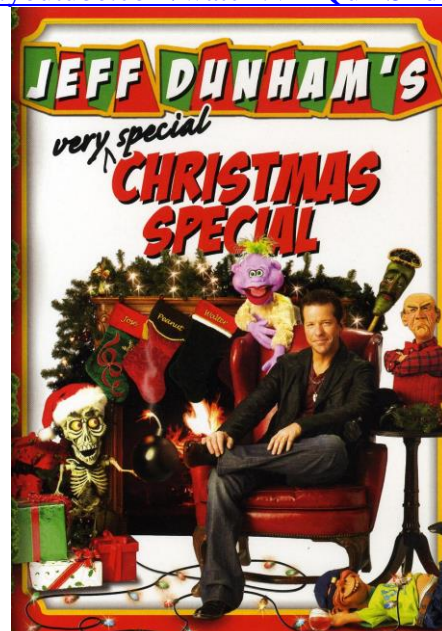
By Tyler Hutta

If you would like a good laugh over the Christmas break then you should watch Jeff Dunham's Christmas special. He has the whole crew there for you to have a laugh. He's got Walter from being miserable to being happy, if for only a little bit. Then you've got Achmend as the Terrorist Santa singing Jungle Bombs. Then you have Peanut who is the same nutcase as before with his buddy Jose Jalapeno on a stick.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!

Watch a skit at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QumSLdE2c4>



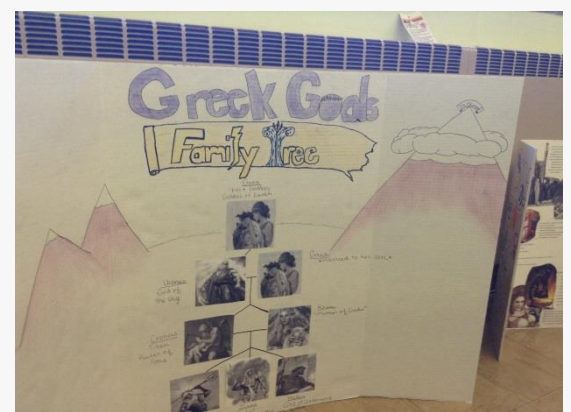
Winter Solstice

By: Alexi Zukas

Ah, it's that time of the year again. The winter solstice is upon us, and there is a complete LACK of snow on the ground. But what exactly is "The Winter Solstice"? Well, it is essentially when the Earth is at its Parallax, or closest point, to the Sun. This means that thanks to the axial tilt of the Earth, it is the shortest day of the year in the Northern hemisphere, and the longest day of the year in the southern hemisphere. The Winter solstice also marks the first day of winter for us. It happens around the 21st every year. Make every hour of daylight you have count. But now we can look forward to each day getting longer while we wait for warmer weather. Oh wait, we still have it now! Winter seems to be delayed this year.

The Iliad the Marian Way

Mr. Dougherty's senior English was studying Honer's *The Iliad*. So they researched Ancient Greece and Greek Mythology. The Research was presented to the class using diplays in all kinds of format. Check out some of this great looking dispays.



Christmas at Marian



Peace on Earth